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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ECONOMIC MISSION TO AFRICA

1. JAPANESE ECONOMIC MISSION COMPOSED OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE OFFICIALS DEPARTED FOR AFRICA FEB. 13 TO VISIT TANZANIA (FEB. 15-18), IVORY COAST (FEB. 20-22), NIGERIA (FEB. 22-25) AND SENEGAL (FEB. 25-28). THIS IS FIRST SUCH JAPANESE MISSION TO AFRICA IN EIGHT YEARS. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS FEB. 16, FONOFF AFRICA DIVISION POLOFF OKAMOTO SAID PURPOSE WAS NOT TO NEGOTIATE ON PARTICULAR PROJECTS, BUT SIMPLY TO LISTEN TO DESIRES OF COUNTRIES VISITED AND RETURN WITH PROPOSALS FOR GOJ. MISSION IS LED BY KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS) AFRICAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FUMIHIKO KONO AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM FONOFF, MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI), FINANCE MINISTRY AND TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY.

2. MISSION COMES ON HEELS OF FEB. 10 CALL ON FONMIN SONODA BY
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AMBASSADORS OF SEVEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTING OAU IN TOKYO (ALGERIA, TUNISIA, SUDAN, MADAGASCAR, NIGERIA, SENEGAL AND GUINEA). AMBASSADORS REQUESTED GOJ TO GIVE "EARNEST CONSIDERATION TO INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND AFRICAN STATES," AND PRESENTED SONODA WITH 7-POINT PROPOSAL, CALLING INTER ALIA FOR INCREASED ODA, MULTILATERAL AID, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ETC. SONODA SAID HE WOULD STUDY REQUEST.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE REPORTS ON HOW MISSION FARES
AT ITS VARIOUS STOPS. ACCORDING TO KYODO NEWS SERVICE,
TANZANIAN FINANCE MINISTER WELCOMED GROUP TO DAR ES SALAAM WITH
"STRONG ATTACK" UPON JAPANESE AID POLICY.
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